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TRIBUTE TO DR. JOAN A. GOREE
OF DECATUR, ALABAMA

HON. ROBERT E. "BUD" CRAMER, JR.

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 14, 2000

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Joan A. Goree of Calhoun Community College. Dr. Goree, known throughout my home state of Alabama as "the lady with the golden voice", is retiring after thirty years of dedicated instruction. I wish to join her many grateful students, faculty colleagues, family and friends in honoring her for sharing her talents and skills with our community.

Dr. Goree also graces Decatur and the entire state with her frequent performances as a soloist, recitalist and numerous musical theatre performances. Dr. Goree's love of music is evident as she spreads her love of melody and harmony to her students. Several of them have achieved fame crediting their knowledge and skills to their beloved teacher.

At Calhoun Community College, Dr. Goree wore many hats including professor of voice, theory, piano, Director of the College Chorus, Assistant Director of The Madrigal Singers and the Chorale and Editor of the first newsletter for Alabama Junior and Community College Association. But her talents have traveled beyond Alabama. She has toured Central America three times as a concert artist and has established schools of music there as well. She authored the book "Basic Theory" in Spanish and English and then set up a corresponding video course also.

For her extraordinary service to the musical students of Calhoun and the arts community in Alabama at large, I feel that this is an apt honor. Her love of learning is infectious, a scholarship has been established in her honor. On behalf of the United States Congress, I pay homage to Dr. Goree and thank her for a job well done. I congratulate her on her retirement and wish her happiness in her future endeavors.

GUN SAFETY LEGISLATION

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 14, 2000

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about the need for common-sense gun safety legislation.

Today, Democrats and local million mom marchers and other representatives from organizations like Handgun Control Inc. will convene a vigil for the victims of gun violence as we call upon this Congress to take up reasonable gun safety legislation. The Houston Chronicle reported that a Houston police officer's 3-year-old son accidentally shot himself in the leg on June 12th. The boy is OK, however, investigators say the boy found the load-

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

ed gun in a linen closet. June 8, a 12-year-old middle school student here in Chesapeake, Virginia was charged after he brought a gun to school.

The overall rate of firearm-related deaths for children younger than 15 years of age is nearly 12 times greater than that found for 25 other industrialized nations. The United States has the highest rates of firearm-related deaths among industrialized countries. Between 1980 and 1997 three out of four murdered juveniles ages 12 or older were killed with a firearm. The American Academy of Pediatrics even predicts that by the year 2003, firearm-related deaths may become the leading cause of injury-related death.

It is imperative that we act now and not allow Republican leaders to dismantle the vital gun safety provisions contained within the current juvenile justice bill. Simply passing a bill without any gun safety provisions would be irresponsible and a terrible mistake on the part of this Congress. We must let the American people know that we are not afraid to take the steps necessary to enact responsible legislation. We cannot allow the NRA to determine how this Congress acts at the expense of our children. We are holding this vigil to continue the push for this Congress to pass gun safety legislation that would close the gun show loophole and include common-sense gun safety measures that prevent felons, fugitives and stalkers from obtaining fire arms and children from getting access to guns. The American people have waited long enough for us to act on this legislation. We can no longer delay and wait for the next tragedy in order to take action.

CURRENT HEADLINES

Sunday, June 11, in Harris County, a 14-year-old girl shot and killed another teen, James Stampfli. Evidently, the two teens were arguing over a motorcycle and the girl took a semi-automatic .22 rifle and shot the other teen.

A TRIBUTE TO THE LATE RAY
JENNINGS KEMPFER

HON. DAVE WELDON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 14, 2000

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, the Kempfer family lives and works on the lands of Deer Park Ranch, which has belonged to the family since 1889.

Today I salute Ray Jennings Kempfer and honor the life of this young man who was born January 15, 1974, and died in the early hours of April 3, 2000. The cause of his unexpected and untimely death is still unknown.

Ray is the son of Reed and Charlene Kempfer. Reed and his brother Billy are the great-grandsons of William Hopkins who pioneered the ranch. Ray recently completed his Masters in Reproductive Physiology and graduated with honors from the University of Florida, and following the family tradition took his place on the ranch.

My condolences go out to the family, local ranchers, and the community that were shocked by his untimely death.

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A RESOLUTION HONORING JOSEPH
NORTHRUP, LEGRAND SMITH
SCHOLARSHIP WINNER OF TE-
CUMSEH, MI

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, let it be known, that it is with great respect for the outstanding record of excellence he has compiled in academics, leadership and community service, that I am proud to salute Joseph Northrup, winner of the 2000 LeGrand Smith Scholarship. This award is made to young adults who have demonstrated that they are truly committed to playing important roles in our Nation's future.

As a winner of the LeGrand Smith Scholarship, Joseph is being honored for demonstrating that same generosity of spirit, intelligence, responsible citizenship, and capacity for human service that distinguished the late LeGrand Smith of Somerset, Michigan.

Joseph is an exceptional student at Tecumseh High School and possesses an impressive high school record.

Joseph has received numerous awards for his excellence in academics as well as his involvement in band. Outside of school, he has been involved in Tecumseh Youth Theater and the community chorus and orchestra.

Therefore, I am proud to join with his many admirers in extending my highest praise and congratulations to Joseph Northrup for his selection as a winner of a LeGrand Smith Scholarship. This honor is also a testament to the parents, teachers, and others whose personal interest, strong support and active participation contributed to his success. To this remarkable young man, I extend my most heartfelt good wishes for all his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO DR. JAMES PERINO,
SUPERINTENDENT, ACALANES
UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 14, 2000

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Mr. Speaker, today I honor a very special leader in my district. Dr. James Perino has served as the Acalanes Union School District Superintendent for over a decade. As Superintendent, Dr. Perino has successfully worked for the betterment of the entire school community.

Dr. James Perino emphasized challenging academic programs and electives, established benchmarks and standards, stressed professional development programs, increased the use of technology as a learning tool, campaigned for modernization and new construction funds, worked for win-win employee relationships, implemented the strategic planning process, and developed strong business and community partnerships.

I take great pride in honoring Dr. James Perino's dedication and leadership. His hard work has created high standards, rigorous curricula and excellent teachers throughout the